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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL DUNGENESS CRAB FALL/WINTER SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

Petersburg. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) announced today the following information concerning the Southeast Alaska commercial Dungeness crab fishery:

2013/2014 Fall/Winter Fishing Season

In June 2013, the department estimated total commercial Dungeness crab harvest for the 2013/2014 season using landings and effort data from the first week of the summer season. The estimate was slightly below the 2.25 million pound threshold described in 5 AAC 32.146. Because this threshold was not met the department shortened the summer season by seven fishing days. Based on data from port sampling and fish tickets, per 5 AAC 32.146(3), the department determined the commercial Dungeness crab fall fishing season will occur with the standard duration described in 5 AAC 32.110. In accordance with 5 AAC 32.110, all waters not listed as closed waters in 5 AAC 32.150 will open at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, to commercial fishing for Dungeness crabs.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C1413.

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